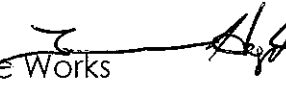


**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR ACTION**

Item No. 08-18

SUBMITTED TO: Chairman Rivera and Members of the Commission

SUBMITTED BY: Travis K. Hopkins, PE, Director of Public Works 

DATE: May 21, 2008

SUBJECT: Removal and Relocation of Crosswalk Indianapolis and Cohasset

Statement of Issue: The existing school crosswalk at the intersection of Indianapolis Avenue and Cohasset Lane is being recommended for removal/relocation in conjunction with the construction of a traffic signal at Indianapolis Avenue and Titan Lane. State law requires that the public is notified and provided the opportunity to respond prior to elimination of any marked crosswalk.

Funding Source: Funding for the recommended action has been previously authorized by the City Council with the award of construction contract CC 1251.

Recommended Action: Motion that the Public Works Commission support the staff recommendation to eliminate/relocate the school crosswalk at the intersection of Indianapolis Avenue and Cohasset Lane to the signalized intersection of Indianapolis Avenue and Titan Lane.

Alternative Action(s): Deny support and recommend an alternate action.

Analysis: In March 2008, the City Council awarded a construction contract that included several improvements and modifications in the area near Sowers Middle School. The project includes the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Indianapolis Avenue and Titan Lane. A school crosswalk currently exists approximately 500 feet to the east at the intersection of Indianapolis Avenue and Cohasset Lane. Staff is recommending that the school crosswalk on Indianapolis Avenue at Cohasset Lane be eliminated and pedestrian crossings redirected to the new signal controlled crossing at the intersection of Indianapolis Avenue and Titan Lane.

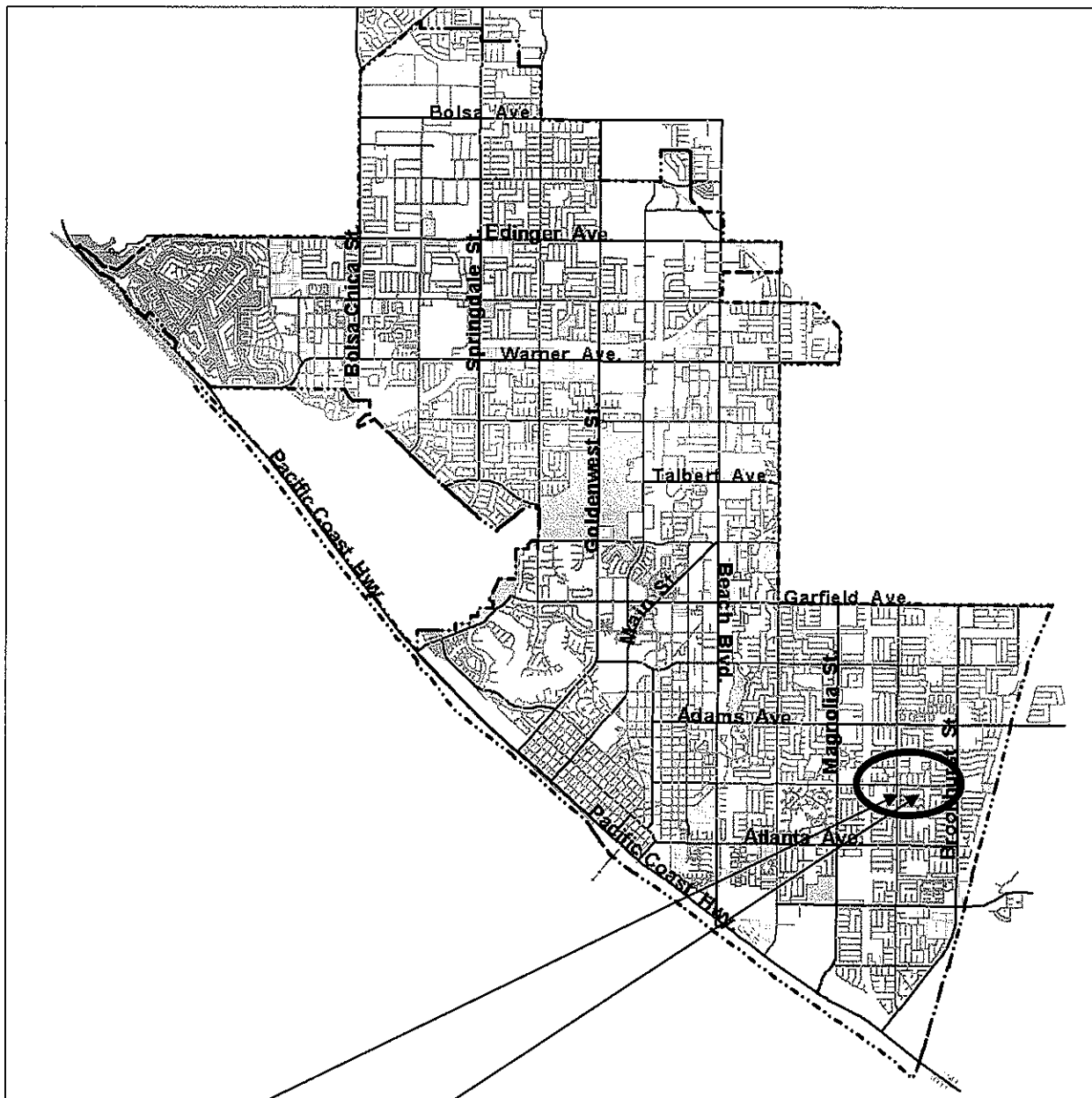
eliminating a marked crosswalk. Municipal Code section 2.111.030 (j) establishes the Public Works Commission as the public body authorized to conduct initial public meetings on this subject (this code section can be reviewed on the City's website). The recommendations from the Public Works Commission can be appealed to the City Council.

Public notices have been posted at the existing crosswalk since April 17, 2008, identifying the City's intent to eliminate the crosswalk (Attachment 4) as required by California law. Up to the point of preparation of this agenda item, the City has received one letter from an area resident expressing concern for the relocation of the crosswalk. The letter is included as Attachment 5. It appears that the primary concerns of the resident are related to students having to walk further to cross the street at Titan Lane and the potential elimination of the crossing guard. At this time, the City has not proposed the elimination of the crossing guard and Public Works anticipates the crossing guard being relocated with the crosswalk. However, this is an issue that is reviewed annually by the Police Department.

Attachments:

1. Site Location Map
2. Crosswalk Location Map
3. Aerial Photo of Crosswalk Location
4. Copy of Public Notice
5. Response to Posted Notice

ATTACHMENT #1

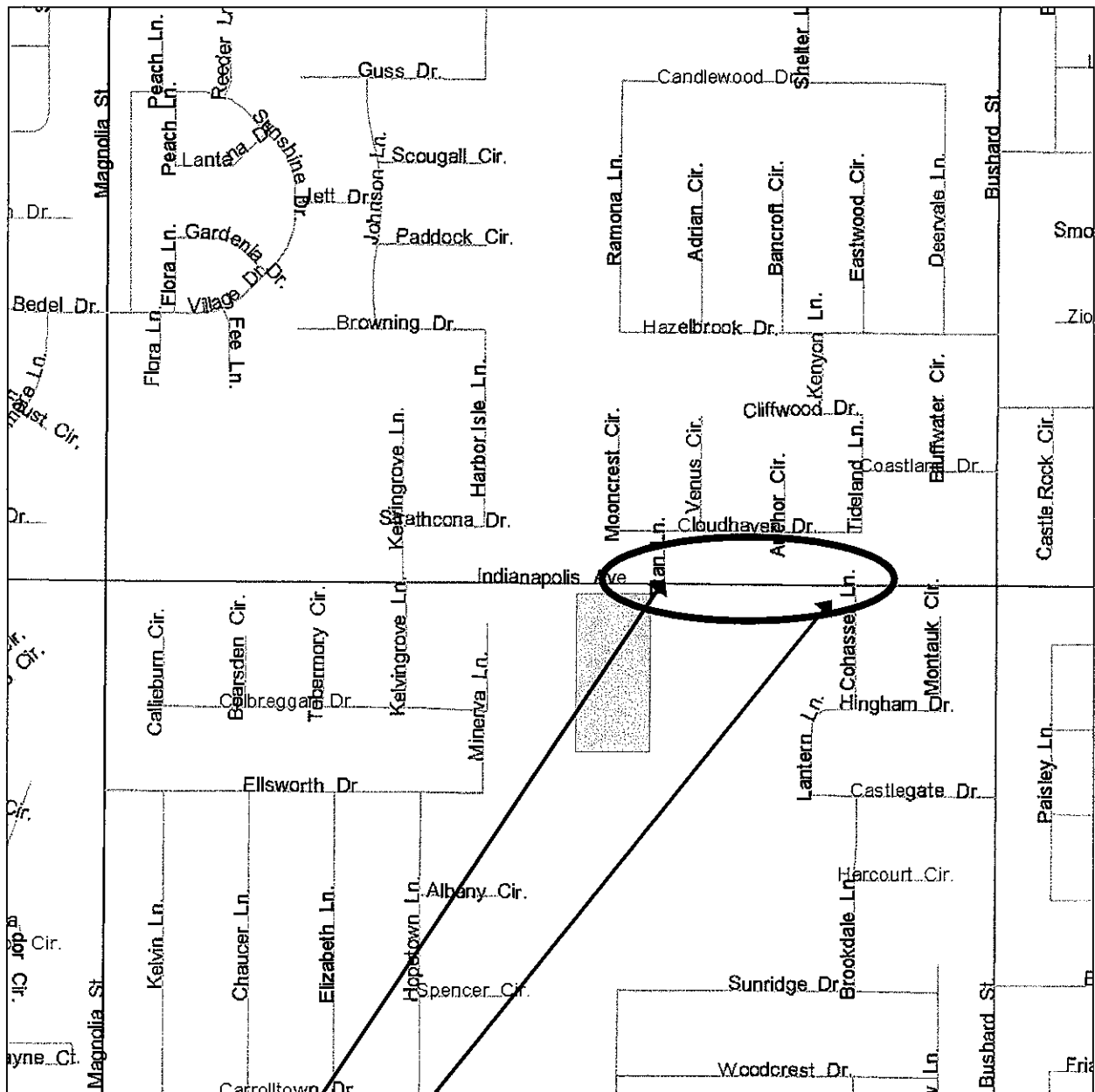


Indianapolis/Titan

Indianapolis/Cohasset

VICINITY MAP

ATTACHMENT #2



Indianapolis/Titan

Indianapolis/Cohasset

CROSSWALK LOCATION MAP

ATTACHMENT #3



Aerial Photo of Crosswalk Location

ATTACHMENT #4

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED MARKED CROSSWALK REMOVAL

The Public Works Commission of the City of Huntington Beach will consider the permanent removal of **THIS MARKED CROSSWALK** at its **May 21, 2008** regular meeting beginning at **5:00 p.m.** in the **City Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California**. The public is encouraged to attend this meeting to express their opinions regarding the recommended proposed removal or present their opinions in writing.

This crosswalk will be replaced with the installation of a signal at **Indianapolis Ave and Titan Lane, approximately 600 feet west of this location.**

Written comments may be submitted to:

City of Huntington Beach
Department of Public Works
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

If you have any questions regarding the recommended marked crosswalk removal please call Transportation Engineering at (714) 536-5431